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SUBJECT: DRV FOREIGN MINISTER COMES TO MOSCOW

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1. SUMMARY: DRV FOREIGN MINISTER TRINH ARRIVED IN MOSCOW ON MAY 7, OSTENSIBLY TO TAKE PART IN WW II ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS. HE DID NOT COME VIA PEKING. MEANWHILE, PRAVDA SAYS (INCORRECTLY) THAT THE PRGSVN NOW OCCUPIES ISLANDS OF "PARACEL" ARCHIPELAGO. END SUMMARY.

2. IZVESTIYA (MAY 7) AND PRAVDA (MAY 8) REPORT THE MOSCOW ARRIVAL OF DRV VICE PREMIER AND FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN DUY TRINH, HEADING A DRV PARTY AND GOVERNMENT DELEGATION TO ATTEND THE SOVIET CELEBRATIONS OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY
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OF VE DAY. TRINH WAS ACCOMPANIED BY NGUYEN VAN KIN

(PHONETIC), DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE DRV PARTY'S FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT AND YB NGUYEN HU KHIEU, DRV AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW. THE DELEGATION WAS MET BY GROMYKO, KATUSHEV AND SEVERAL OTHER SOVIET PARTY AND GOVERNMENT TYPES. GROMYKO LATER PRESENTED TRINH WITH A 30TH ANNIVERSARY MEDAL AND TRINH REPORTEDLY LINKED THE ANNIVERSARY TO HANOI'S RECENT VICTORY IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

3. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT TRINH'S VISIT IS THE FIRST BY A DRV LEADER TO ANY FOREIGN CAPITAL FOLLOWING THE FALL OF SAIGON, AND WE NOTE THAT HE CAME VIA TASHKENT, NOT VIA PEKING, WHICH HAS BEEN THE USUAL ROUTE FOR DRV VISITORS. OF COURSE THE OSTENSIBLE OCCASION FOR THE VISIT IS UNIQUELY SOVIET, BUT MOSCOW WILL STILL BE FLATTERED AT THE FAVOR IMPLIED BY THIS SYMBOLISM. NO DETAILS OF THE TALKS ARE LIKELY TO EMERGE SOON, BUT THE VISIT GIVES THE SOVIETS AND THE VIETNAMESE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WHERE THEY WILL GO NOW FOLLOWING HANOI'S RECENT SUCCESSES IN INDOCHINA.

4. PRAVDA (MAY 7) CARRIED AN ITEM FROM ITS HANOI CORRESPONDENT REPORTING THE PRG FLAG OVER ISLANDS OF THE "PARACEL (SIC) ARCHIPELAGO." THE TERM WAS REPEATED IN THE HEADLINE. THE ARTICLE MAKES CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT THE ISLANDS REFERRED TO ARE THOSE IN THE SPRATLEY GROUP AND ELSEWHERE NEAR VIETNAM PREVIOUSLY HELD BY SAIGON, ALTHOUGH THE RUSSIAN NAMES BEAR LITTLE RESEMBLANCE TO THOSE IN REFTEL. THEY ARE CALLED, IN PHONETIC TRANSLITERATION, RE, CHE, TYAM, SAN AND THU. THE PRAVDA CORRESPONDENT PROBABLY MADE A GEOGRAPHIC MISTAKE ON THE "PARACELS;" WE DOUBT THAT IT WAS A DELIBERATE ATTEMPT TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF PRC CONTROL OVER THE PARACELS.

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